

June 19, 2007

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council

FROM: Mayor James M. Cavanaugh, Goodyear, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room

302 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Phoenix

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

MAG Office, Suite 200

The next Regional Council meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. Members of the Regional Council may attend either in person, by videoconference or by telephone conference call. Members who wish to remove any items from the Consent Agenda are requested to contact the MAG office. MAG will host a dinner/reception for the Regional Council members following the meeting in the MAG Cholla Room on the 2nd floor. Supporting information is enclosed for your review.

Please park in the garage underneath the building. Parking places will be reserved for Regional Council members on the first and second levels of the garage. Bring your ticket to the meeting, parking will be validated. For those using transit, the Regional Public Transportation Authority will provide transit tickets for your trip. For those using bicycles, please lock your bicycle in the bike rack in the garage.

Pursuant to Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), MAG does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admissions to or participation in its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the MAG office. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you have any questions, please call the MAG office.

c: MAG Management Committee

**MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
June 27, 2007**

		<b><u>COUNCIL ACTION REQUESTED</u></b>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>	
3.	<u>Call to the Audience</u>  An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Regional Council on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Regional Council requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard.	3. Information.
4.	<u>Executive Director's Report</u>  The MAG Executive Director will provide a report to the Regional Council on activities of general interest.	4. Information and discussion.
5.	<u>Approval of Consent Agenda</u>  Council members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items. Consent items are marked with an asterisk (*).	5. Approval of the Consent Agenda.

**ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT\***

**MINUTES**

*5A.	<u>Approval of the May 23, 2007 Meeting Minutes</u>	5A. Review and approval of the May 23, 2007 meeting minutes.
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**TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**

- \*5B. Federal Fiscal Year 2007 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments/Adjustments to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget

In April 2007, the Regional Council approved the deferral of 28 projects, totaling \$39.9 million. Since then, one project has been identified that will not be deferred, and four projects have been requested to be deferred. The interim closeout has established that there should be at least \$13.79 million in uncommitted MAG federal funds available for the current fiscal year. In addition, there may be \$1-\$2 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Member agencies have submitted requests for closeout projects totaling \$9.34 million. To utilize available funds, the MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended that the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2007 closeout funds be allocated according to the projects listed (Table B), and recommended approving the interim closeout of FFY 2007. An Amendment/ Adjustment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and the FY2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget will be necessary if the interim closeout is approved. Please refer to the enclosed material.

- \*5C. Draft FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program and Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program

The Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) identifies a total of 94 arterial street projects, which have been programmed by year in the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). The arterial street projects will be directly funded from the regional sales tax and from MAG federal funds. As part of the ALCP process, Lead Agencies are required to update ALCP Project information at least once a year. MAG staff has programmed the Draft FY 2008 ALCP using this Project information, and the

- 5B. Approval of the FFY 2007 interim closeout, as shown in the attached Tables, and of amending/adjusting the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP and the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to allow the projects to proceed.

- 5C. Approval of the Draft FY 2008 Arterial Life Cycle Program and an Administrative Adjustment to the FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program.

projected revenue streams of the Regional Area Road Fund (RARF), MAG Surface Transportation Program funds (STP-MAG), and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funds. The final reimbursement requests for FY 2007 are underway and there have been requests to administratively adjust the reimbursements for 2007. Since the MAG Transportation Review Committee and the MAG Management Committee recommended approval, three additional projects have been identified that need to be administratively adjusted. The adjustments do not negatively affect the FY 2007 ALCP budget. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5D. Amendment of the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and Consultant Selection for the US-60/Grand Avenue, from SR-303L/Estrella Freeway to SR-74, Access Management Plan Study

On October 16, 2006, the Regional Council Executive Committee approved amending the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include \$538,000 to conduct the US-60/Grand Avenue Access Management Plan. Funding for the project comes from MAG federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds (\$500,000) and the City of Surprise (\$38,000). The STP funds (\$500,000) were inadvertently omitted from the MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Therefore, the FY 2007-2011 MAG TIP needs to be amended to include the project. A Request for Proposals for the project was advertised on February 22, 2007 and one proposal was received. A multi-agency group reviewed the proposal and determined it met the scope of services, qualifications, and budgetary guidelines outlined in the Request for Proposals. This review group recommended to MAG that Wilson & Company be selected to conduct the study for an amount not to exceed \$538,000. The MAG Regional Council Executive Committee recommended approval of the TIP Amendment and the consultant selection. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5D. Approval of amending the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) to include \$500,000 of MAG Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for the US-60/Grand Avenue Access Management Plan, of carrying forward the funds from the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to the FY 2008 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget, and of selecting the firm Wilson & Company to provide consulting services for the US-60/Grand Avenue Access Management Plan Study for the segment between SR-74 and SR-303L, for an amount not to exceed \$538,000.

**AIR QUALITY ITEM****\*5E. Conformity Consultation**

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2007-2011 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The proposed amendment includes minor project revisions to existing projects in the TIP as part of the Interim Closeout of the Federal FY 2007 MAG Federally Funded Program. Minor project revisions do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by June 22, 2007. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5E. Consultation.

**GENERAL ITEMS****\*5F. MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan 2007 Update**

On November 1, 2000, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan. The MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan now needs to be updated to provide guidance for the MAG 9-1-1 system for the next five years. During the past year, a working group comprising Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) Managers and the Maricopa Region 9-1-1 Office staff, worked on an update to the Plan by reviewing the current state of the system. The draft update has been recommended by the MAG PSAP Managers Group, the MAG 9-1-1 Oversight Team, and the MAG Management Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5F. Approval of the MAG 9-1-1 Five Year Plan 2007 Update.

**\*5G. Consultant Selection for the Financial Auditor for the Maricopa Association of Governments**

The Maricopa Association of Governments requested proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the financial statements for five consecutive years beginning in fiscal year 2007. In response to the Request for Proposals released in April 2007, MAG received three proposals from qualified certified public accountant firms. The MAG Audit Selection Team reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG that Cronstrom, Osuch and Company,

5G. Approval of the selection of the firm Cronstrom, Osuch and Company, P.C. to perform the MAG annual financial audit for fiscal years 2007 through 2011.

P.C. perform the financial audit at MAG for the period beginning FY 2007 through FY 2011. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the selection. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5H. Urban Land Institute Reality Check

The Arizona Chapter of the Urban Land Institute (ULI) is tentatively planning to sponsor one of the organization's signature events in the MAG region. The ULI's Reality Check is a one-day, participatory, regional visioning exercise to engage leaders in a regional dialogue on growth issues. Representatives from the organization have requested participation from MAG, primarily to provide data for the exercise and are requesting the MAG member agencies to participate in the event. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval. Please refer to the enclosed material.

\*5I. Social Service Block Grant Revised Allocation Recommendations

In May 2007, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) notified MAG that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is requiring revised allocation recommendations for the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) reflecting a 19.722 percent budget cut proposed at the federal level. Also in May, the MAG Regional Council approved a resolution supporting level or increased funding for four federal programs, including SSBG. While it is hoped that the proposed budget cut will not be approved, a revised plan needs to be submitted to DES by the end of June. In response to the requirement for a revised plan, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee developed recommendations for how the proposed reduction in funding should be applied to the four target groups and services. The Management Committee recommended approval of the revised allocation recommendations. The MAG Human Services Coordinating Committee will meet on June 20, 2007 to vote on the revised allocation recommendations. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5H. Approval for MAG to participate in the Urban Land Institute Reality Check Program by providing data for the exercise and for the MAG member agencies to participate in the event.

5I. Approval of the revised allocation recommendations for the FY 2008 Social Service Block Grant.

**ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD****TRANSPORTATION ITEMS**6. Requested Material Changes to the ADOT Program

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) has requested a number of program changes for FY 2007 and FY 2008 to incorporate revised cost estimates, to incorporate the cost to design the L303 to SR 74 connection, and to add a pavement preservation project. The requested changes add \$25.582 million of costs of which \$6 million of additional funding is being added to the program. MAG has reviewed the requested changes and determined that they are reasonable and necessary to meet the RTP Freeway Program. MAG has also reviewed the ADOT cash flows with the requested changes incorporated into the analysis. The additional costs reduce the cash balances in the ADOT program, however, the balances for FY 2007 and FY 2008 are above the minimum balance guidelines used by ADOT to manage the program. These requested changes, therefore, can be incorporated into the program without affecting other future projects. The MAG Management Committee recommended approval of the requested program changes. Please refer to the enclosed material.

7. Regional Freeway Program Update on Status of Studies and Construction Activity

A representative from the Arizona Department of Transportation will provide an update on the status of Regional Freeway Program studies and construction activity.

6. Approval of the requested program changes.

7. For information and discussion.

**GENERAL ITEMS**8. Election of Regional Council Officers and Executive Committee Members

On May 23, 2007, the MAG Nominating Committee recommended a slate of officers for 2007-2008. The MAG officer positions are Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer. In accordance

8. Election of the Regional Council officers: Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer, and the three At-Large Members as members of the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee.

with the MAG Nomination Process, three At-Large members were also nominated to serve on the Executive Committee. According to the MAG Nomination Process, the Past Chair of the Regional Council also serves on the Executive Committee. Please refer to the enclosed material.

9. Legislative Update

An update will be provided on legislative issues of interest.

10. Comments from the Council

An opportunity will be provided for Regional Council members to present a brief summary of current events. The Regional Council is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

9. Information, discussion and possible action.

10. Information.